

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

August 25, 2011

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on August 18, 2011 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending August 24, 2011 in the amount of \$ 259,406.89 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of August 18 – August 24, 2011
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from April 12 – August 23, 2011
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from July 1 – July 31, 2011

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$1,398,087.09 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

Eric Williams 82 Pine Street spoke about the Saranac River Trail project. He disapproves of the project, disagrees with one way traffic pattern, not enough meetings for trail project, snow plowing concerns, life changed for him, truck issues and South Catherine Street paving needed.

Sue Ford 106 Pine Street spoke about the Saranac River Trail project. She is upset about press article, the city is harassing her. In 2005 she offered 10 feet of her property to city for trail but city refused to take her offer. Project is disgusting and city has been disrespectful. City is wrong in claiming her property, the issue is still in court, refutes city claims in 2005 that she did not own property; why then was her fence still up in 2011? A \$3,000 fence torn down in 2 minutes. Mayor and Council have no guys; they need to stand up.

Denise Nephew 24 Smith Street questioned item #6 under "Initial consideration."

Betty King 19 Monty Street congratulated Council on bike trail.

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2011 General Fund Budget by an increase of \$31,185.00 equally in estimated revenues and appropriations in order to provide funding for the unbudgeted 2011 police academy costs.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from June 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010 in the total

amount of \$3,487.07. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .38%.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the third season (October 1 – April 1) of the North Country’s Biggest Loser Program.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. Authorization to sign Stipulation of Settlement.

RESOLVED: On the advice and recommendation of the City’s labor counsel the Common Council approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign a Stipulation of Settlement concerning the resignation of Andrew Peda.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one Police Officer to attend the “New York State Drug Evaluation & Classification Program for Drug Recognition Expert Mandatory Yearly DRE Recertification Training” in Schenectady, NY from September 19 - 20, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$296.00 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture fund (travel expense).

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one Police Officer to attend the “Heckler & Koch Armorers Training School for the UMP” in Ashburn, VA from September 13 -14, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$1,076.00 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture fund (travel expense).

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from City Engineer Kevin Farrington that Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to Contract #2007-16 “Multi-Use Path Construction, George Angell Drive to Saranac Street Bridge” be authorized and the Mayor to sign for a cost of \$9,380.
2. MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF CARLETON MORSE JR TO THE POSITION OF MICRO-COMPUTER COORDINATOR EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 PENDING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A 26 WEEK PROBATIONARY PERIOD.
3. MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF CASSONDRA KOUROFSKY TO THE POSITION OF MICRO-COMPUTER COORDINATOR EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011.
4. Request from the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Committee to close the following streets: City Hall Place, Trinity Square and Lower Court Street (Friday September 8th 5:30p – 9:30p, Saturday September 10th 9am – 5:30p, Sunday September 11th 9am – 5pm). Saturday September 10th for the parade (Cumberland Ave from North Margaret Street through City Hall Place, Durkee Street to Broad Street and Margaret to Durand closed from noon until parade passes.)
5. Request from Paul Bardis to block Grace Avenue at the Cornelia and Ash Street entrances on Saturday, September 17, 2011 between the hours of 11 am and 6 pm to hold a block party on the south end of Grace Avenue (the residents of the entire street are also welcomed to participate).
6. Request by the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2011 General Fund Budget by an increase of \$6,277.17 equally in estimated revenues and appropriations in order to provide funding for the unbudgeted 2011 City Clerk Fees for Services for legal defense.

7. Request from Building Inspector Richard Perry for himself and Municipal Code Inspector Claude Bouchard to attend the "New York State Building Code Officials Conference" in Albany, NY from October 17 - 19, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$948.
8. Request from Bill Treacy Manager MLD to attend the "IEEP's Annual Meeting" in Syracuse, NY from September 29-30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$254.
9. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for one Police Officer and two civilian employees to attend the "2011 Telestaff Users Conference" in Garden Grove, CA from September 16 - 23, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$9,598 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture fund (travel expense).

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Carpenter: The CEF Bookmobile will discontinue service in 2012; Please let all elected officials know this so constituents have a chance to respond to the County.

Councilor Calnon: Attended the Tax Cap Seminar; 2% Tax Cap legislation will be imposed in our 2012 budget; City can only increase 2012 General Fund Budget after retirement cost increases by \$4,278.61; Cap increase can only be \$181,623.38 and retirement increase is \$177,344.77; Sales tax may increase but cannot make up the difference in automatic longevity increases; "I am disgusted."

Councilor Carpenter: mentioned concerns about insurance and other cost increases.

Councilor Jackson: reminded everyone about the MLD meeting following the Council meeting

12. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:50 pm